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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 6

Part B for February 1915

SUBJECT.

Certain measures affecting the sale of Ayesi Principles.

From the Excise Comm. No: 146-9 2/2/15.

Reports on certain action taken by him regarding the sale of Amada & reducing its strength.

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1. Three points have been deferred for consideration till the beginning of next year and they are :-

1. Reduction of the strength of arrack from 25° UP to 30° UP.
2. The necessity to rectify the the tables now in use.
3. ~~We~~ Raising the selling price of arrack from Re-2-4 to Re 0-2-8 per dram. (to be taken up after the effect of the proposal in 1 was tested).

The reason for this is that the ~~the~~ of the Arrack manufacturing contract extends to the end of June 1916.

2. The points on which a reference will be proposed are :-

✓ 1. The raising of the Cree tax.
✓ & 2 Curtailing the hours of sale.

It is told that the first point has been referred to the Excise Council for a report on 19-2-1914 & the report is awaited.

3. There is a saving clause in the manufacturing contract to the effect that though the bulk of arrack supplied is of the cheaper sort, the manufacturer has to supply such arrack at such strength and in such quantities as may be

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prescribed by the Excise Comm. but the decision has been arrived at to take up the questions referred to in the 18th paragraph in the early part of next year.

4. The Excise Comm hopes that the action taken by him meets with the approval of Govt. May the reference from the Residency be awaited before submitting for orders?

Mr. 23 4/2/15 [illegible] 5 The Excise Commr may be reminded to send the reports called for in item 1 of para 2 above. No further action seems to be necessary at present until the receipt of the reference from the Resy.

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6 Yes. The file may be submitted to the second member for his perusal after his return.

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Submit the file relating to the reduction of Sowcarthi deeds with the proposal.

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9. Submit for orders with reference to para 6 supra. (Secretary's orders)

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D. O. OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 2 2 1915.

My dear Ranachiyalu

I send, Enclosed, for the information of Government, copies of certain recent D.O. Correspondence between the Collector & Sessions Judge, & the First Assistant Resident in Mysore & myself in the matter of certain points connected with

Excise administration and
venture to express the hope
that the action taken by me
may meet with the approval
of Government. At our informal
meeting held in his office yesterday
the Assistant Resident gave me
to understand that the first
move would be made by the
Residency addressing the Durbar

M E M O R A N D U M .

An informal discussion in regard to certain Excise matters in which both the Durbar and the Civil and Military Station authorities are interested, took place this morning in my office. Mr. Raghaven-dra Rao, Excise Commissioner in Mysore and Mr. Cox, Collector of the Civil and Military Station, kindly attended.

The following points were discussed :-

(i) The desirability of reducing the strength of arrack from 25 U.P. to 30 U.P:-

Mr. Raghavendra Rao was in favour of the reduction advocated by Mr. Bennetts, Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, Madras. He, however, explained that the present contract for the manufacture of liquor in the Mysore State did not expire until end of June 1916, and that it would not be possible to effect any reduction at present in the strength of liquor. It was agreed that in these circum-stances the question should be deferred until the beginning of next year when the matter would be definitely placed before the Durbar.

(ii) The necessity to rectify the tables now in use:-

It was explained that with the tables now in use liquor pronounced to be 25 U.P. - was in fact from two to three degrees stronger. The question of rectifying the tables could not, how-ever, be taken up until the expiry of the present contract and it was decided to postpone taking any action until the beginning of 1916.

(iii) The desirability of raising the Tree-Tax:-

Mr. Maybury, Excise Superintendent in the Civil and Military Station, suggests raising the tax from Rs 1-8-0 to Rs 2/-. Mr.Bennetts supports this view. Mr. Raghavendra Rao, who is consulting the Deputy Commissioners on this point, is also in favour of en-hancing the tax and sees no personal objection to action being taken with effect from 1st July 1915. In his opinion, the tax should

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should be raised to at least Rs. 1-12-0 if not to Rs. 2/-.

The Durbar will be addressed on the subject.

(iv) The advisability of fixing the selling price of arrack:-

Mr. Maybury proposes that the price should be fixed at R. 0-2-8 per dram. Mr. Raghavendra Rao considers that, if a reduction is made in the strength of liquor, it would not be expedient simultaneously to raise and fix the selling price. The present selling price is nominally Rs. 0-2-4 a dram, but Mr. Raghavendra Rao is assured that in a number of shops Rs. 0-2-6 is charged in practice. In the circumstances, it was decided that there would be no great advantage in making a further slight increase in the price and it was agreed that the matter might be dropped at any rate until the effects of reducing the strength of liquor had been tested.

(v) The desirability of curtailing the hours of sale:-

It was unanimously agreed that, so far as toddy shops were concerned, no change in the present hours was desirable. All other shops should, however, be open only from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. with the exception of hotels, bars and refreshment rooms which might remain open till 10 P.M. It was thought the effect might be given to these changes from 1st July '15, and the Durbar will be addressed accordingly.

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(sd) A. Singaravelu,
for Registrar,
Resident's Office.

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C. & M. Station,
Bangalore, 27-1-'15.

Dear Mr. Raghavendra Rao,

Mr. Warburton has written to me that he thinks it would be useful if we could meet and have a talk about certain Excise proposals - e.g.

(1) Reducing strength of liquor.
(2) Adopting the proper tables for calculating strength.
(3) Raising Tree-Tax.
(4) Fixing selling prices.

In all these points we must co-operate with the Durbar.

When would it be convenient for us to meet ? Mr. Warburton says he would like to be present also. Almost any time will suit him, and we might, if convenient to you, meet at his office.

Yours sincerely,
(sd) A.R. Cox.

(2) REPLY!

No. 144.

Office of the Excise Commissioner
in Mysore,
Dated, Bangalore 27th January 1915.

Dear Mr. Cox,

Your D.O. letter of even date received just now. I shall be delighted to meet Mr. Warburton and yourself and have a talk over the matters mentioned by you ~~on~~ Monday next, i.e., 1st February, say, about 12.30 P.M., if that will suit the conve-nience of you both. I am sorry I cannot make an earlier appoint-ment as I have arranged to be away from here both tomorrow and the day after and I expect to have rather a busy day of it on Saturday, the day following.

The delay will not, I trust, cause any inconvenience to you.

Thanking you for the courtesy,

Yours sincerely,
(sd) P. Raghavendra Rao,

P.S. As suggested I shall be glad to meet you at Mr. Warburton's Office.

(Intd.) P.R.R.

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C. & M. Station,
Bangalore, 28-1-'15.

Dear Mr. Raghavendra Rao,

Thanks for your letter. Yes, Monday at 12.30 P.M. at Mr. Warburton's Office will suit him both and me quite well.

Many thanks for arranging to come.

Yours sincerely,
(sd) A.R. Cox.

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D.O. No.798/Enc.1.

The Mysore Residency,
Bangalore, 1st February '15.

Dear Mr. Raghavendra Rao,

I send herewith a brief Memorandum of our discussion of Excise matters. Would you kindly let me know if you think that it correctly represents the conclusions at which we arrived ?

Yours sincerely,
(sd) P.B. Warburton.

P.Raghavendra Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

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Office of the Excise Commissioner
in Mysore,
Dated, Bangalore, 2nd February 1915.

No. 145.

Dear Mr. Warburton,

I have your letter - D.O. No. 798 - of Yesterday's date with enclosure and am much obliged to you for your courtesy in sending me the latter. I have gone through the typed note, and, I think, it correctly represents the conclusions arrived at our informal meeting in your office Yesterday.

Yours sincerely,
(sd) P. Raghavendra Rao,

P.S.
It would be more accurate, it seems to me, if the word "is", at the end of line 3 in para iii on page 1 of the typed Memorandum, was replaced by the words "has been".

(Intd.) P.R.R.

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